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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- AUGUST 7, 2009**                      **CORSA REGIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)**
- AUGUST 12, 2009**                      **CCAO/CEBCO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS & HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS**
- AUGUST 12, 2009**                      **OCCO UNDERSTANDING THE NEW FURLOUGH AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL (HB 1), DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GENERAL SERVICES BUILDING, COLUMBUS**
- AUGUST 19-21, 2009**                      **CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING, GALAXY RESTAURANT & BANQUET CENTER, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)**
- AUGUST 28, 2009**                      **CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)**

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### LENNY ELIASON ELECTED NACo 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACo) by acclamation during the NACo Annual Conference held July 24-28 in Davidson County (Nashville), Tennessee. This is the first time that a NACo officer has been elected from Ohio. Also seeking the office was Lou Magazzu, Cumberland County (NJ) Freeholder Director. Eliason had a substantial lead in the vote count, which prompted Magazzu to withdraw from the race.

The well-organized, grassroots campaign conducted by Eliason was a result of teamwork from elected county officials in Ohio and nationwide to his family and CCAO staff. Even Lenny's nine-week old grandson, Max, got into the spirit of campaigning by wearing a "Lenny 4 NACo" onesie. Without all the support from campaign volunteers and contributors, Lenny's campaign would not have been possible. Congratulations to Lenny on leading Ohio to a victory on the national level!

Sworn in at the annual business meeting on Tuesday, July 28, Eliason pledged to work for all counties nationwide to bring county issues to the forefront of the Obama Administration and Congress. In addition, Eliason pledged to work with NACo as an organization to educate, advocate, collaborate, and evaluate their performance on issues and programs to better serve counties.

Also sworn into office with Eliason were President - Valerie Brown, Sonoma County (CA) Supervisor; President-Elect - Teresa Altemus, Gloucester County (VA) Supervisor; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Glen Whitley,

Tarrant County (TX) Judge; and Immediate Past President - Donald Stapley, Maricopa County (AZ) Supervisor. Election as NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will mean that Eliason will ascend the chairs and to become NACo President.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR LENNY ELIASON ON NACo 2009-10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prior to his election as NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason was chosen by the CCAO Board of Trustees to serve on the 2009-10 NACo Board of Directors. Lenny's victory leaves an open seat on the Board of Directors that must be filled. CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Roger Tackett, Clark County Commissioner, has recently been re-appointed to the other seat.

State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

All commissioners interested in filling the open seat and serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director at [llong@ccao.org](mailto:llong@ccao.org) with a copy to Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards' Liaison, at [kathydillon@ccao.org](mailto:kathydillon@ccao.org) or via fax (614) 221-6986 by **Wednesday, August 12, 2009**. The CCAO Board of Trustees will appoint a replacement for Eliason at their next meeting which will be held on August 19 during the CCAO/CEAO/OSU Extension meeting in Medina County.

### TACKETT, TROY, BROOKS, & SUVER APPOINTED TO NACo COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

2009-10 NACo President Valerie Brown announced that the following Ohioans have been appointed to serve in committee leadership:

Steering Committees:

- **Labor & Employment** – Chair: Roger Tackett, Clark County Commissioner
- **Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs** – Vice Chair: Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner
- **Environment, Energy & Land Use; Energy/Renewables Subcommittee** - Vice Chair: Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner
- **Human Services & Education; Welfare, Social Services & Immigration Subcommittee** – Vice Chair: Robert Suver, Director, Clark County Department of Job & Family Services

Ad Hoc Committee:

- **Arts & Culture Commission** – Vice Chair: Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner

NACo committee members appointed by President Brown will be notified by NACo in early September. For more information about NACo Steering Committees, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## UNDERSTANDING THE NEW FURLOUGH AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL (HB 1) REGIONAL SEMINAR

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) is sponsoring a seminar on "Understanding the New Furlough Authority Granted in the State Budget Bill (HB 1)" on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) General Services Building, 4200 Surface Road, in Columbus. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the seminar starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.

This is the first of five regional seminars sponsored by OCCO. Four additional regional seminars will be held in September throughout Ohio. Watch future issues of CIDS and the CCAO website for dates and locations. Registration for this seminar is limited to county elected officials, staff, and related county agencies that fall under the umbrella of the office of the county commissioners.

County appointing authorities received the much sought furlough authority for non-collective bargaining employees. HB 1 permits each county appointed authority to establish a mandatory program that each non-collective bargaining employee must participate in for up to 80 hours in each of state fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

There is no charge to attend, but space is limited. There will be a \$10 charge for no-shows, but last minute substitutions are welcome. Registration forms were distributed to county commissioners this week. To download a copy go to [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). Click on the story on the front page. For more information, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

## CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING – EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT THROUGH COLLABORATION

In a collaborative effort, OSU Extension – Medina County and the North East Regional Office have invited CCAO/CEAO to meet together on August 19-21, 2009 in Medina County (Wadsworth). Together with OSU Extension, Commissioners Pat Geissman, Stephen Hambley, and Sharon Ray and County Engineer Mike Salay will co-host this joint summer meeting at the Galaxy Restaurant & Banquet Center, in Medina County (Wadsworth). This is the first time that our three organizations will meet together. The theme of the meeting will be "Effective Government Through Collaboration."

Taking tight county budgets into consideration, OSU Extension invited CCAO/CEAO to meet together instead of holding both the CCAO/CEAO Annual Summer Conference and OSU Extension County Commissioners Days. The CCAO Communication and Education Committee has been considering different options for meetings during the past few years. In addition, CCAO has sought the input from our affiliate members.

Interesting education sessions and tours have been planned. Download a copy at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) and click on the meeting article on the front page. If you have any questions about the conference please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### OHIO RANKS 38TH IN PER CAPITA FEDERAL PAYMENTS IN 2008

Ohio received about \$90.6 billion of the total \$2.79 trillion that Washington distributed to states in federal fiscal year 2008, according to data the U.S. Census Bureau released last week. Ohio ranked 38th in terms of per capita federal payments, which equate to \$7,887 for each of the state's 11.5 million residents - the lowest rate of the surrounding states, according to the bureau's Consolidated Federal Funds Report (<http://www.census.gov/govs/cffr/>)

Federal per capita spending was highest in Virginia at \$15,256 per resident, while Utah received the least at \$6,255 per resident. The national average was \$9,041 per American.

In 2007, Ohio received about \$105.2 billion from the federal government, which was considerably higher than the \$80.7 billion in 2006. Previously the state's payments increased steadily since 1999, when it received \$53.7 billion from Washington.

Total federal domestic spending in 2008 increased 9.3 percent from the previous year, the bureau said. Federal health and retirement programs consumed \$1.35 trillion, or 48 percent of all federal spending, with \$659 going to Social Security.

Of the \$90 billion in federal funds Ohio received in 2008, the largest portion, about \$31.7 billion went to retirement and disability programs. Grants comprised about \$17.7 billion, procurement about \$9 billion, and salaries and wages \$6.3 billion.

Federal Medicare payments to Ohio included about \$9 billion for hospital insurance and \$7.5 billion for supplementary medical insurance. Other 2008 payments included: \$1.5 billion in excess earned income tax credits, \$1.4 billion in unemployment compensation, \$1.5 billion in food stamp payments, \$601 million in housing assistance, \$512 in agricultural assistance, and \$588 million in federal employees life and health insurance.

The report does not include interest paid on the federal debt and foreign aid. Monetary obligations from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are also not included since the legislation was passed in 2009. Auto insurance rates in the state are the 13th lowest in the U.S.

## **CONFERENCES**

### INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY FORUM

Applications for next Interoperable Communications Policy Forum are due by August 4, 2009. The National Association of Counties (NACo), in cooperation with the National League of Cities (NLC), is pleased to announce that our next Interoperable Communications Policy Forum will be held September 24 - 25, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona. Teams that include at least one governing board member and up to two others are invited to apply.

More information and an application are on NACo's website – [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org). One application is requested per team. The website explains the eligible audience, as well as the travel assistance being provided to those selected to attend. Most costs are covered. Travel assistance up to \$500 and two nights' lodging per participant, and full breakfast and lunch on the days of the Forum are provided. No other costs are covered. Counties that belong to NACo or cities that belong to the NLC are eligible to apply. If the website does not have answers to your questions, please contact Rocky Lopes, NACo Program Director, at (202) 661-8841 or [rlopes@naco.org](mailto:rlopes@naco.org).

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### CIVIL ENGINEER

The city of Fairborn, (population +32k), is seeking a qualified civil engineer in the busy Engineering Division. The Engineering Division performs plan reviews for residential, commercial and industrial developments; plan and spec preparation, both in-house and by consultants, for infrastructure projects; inspection of all public infrastructure construction; traffic engineering functions; and CADD/GIS support function. Reports directly to

the City Engineer. Minimum qualifications: BA in Civil Engineering with ABET approved major course work; four years engineering experience; physical ability to perform the duties of the position with reasonable accommodation. Must be a licensed PE within the State of Ohio or able to acquire within six months of appointment. OH driver's license. Salary: \$52,041 up to \$73,465. **Application deadline: August 3, 2009.**

Submit application/resume (available at [www.ci.fairborn.oh.us](http://www.ci.fairborn.oh.us)) to: City of Fairborn, Human Resources, 44 W. Hebble Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324 or e-mail [hr@ci.fairborn.oh.us](mailto:hr@ci.fairborn.oh.us) or FAX (937) 754-3152. For reasonable disability accommodation call HR at (937) 754-3021. EOE

#### ENGINEER, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT MANAGER

The Montgomery County Engineer's Office seeks a project manager experienced in all aspects of ODOT project delivery, from NEPA activities and environmental clearance through right of way plans, acquisition, utility relocations, and ODOT construction plan preparation, specifications, and cost estimates. Qualifications: knowledge of the ODOT PDP process, and familiarity with ODOT location & design, bridge, traffic, right of way, and utility manuals and on-line references. The federal-aid project manager will participate in all aspects of consultant administration, including scope of service development, consultant selection, consultant agreements and modifications, invoice approvals, and performance monitoring. The successful candidate will participate in roadway and bridge project programming and financial planning efforts. Project manager responsibilities may also include providing technical reviews in their field of expertise for other county and private infrastructure improvement projects, and preparing applications to secure outside bridge and roadway project funding.

Job Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from ABET-accredited university; minimum 12 years experience in transportation design and project management (individuals with technical backgrounds in roadway, traffic, bridge, and right of way will be considered) PE required; and ODOT prequalification in Complex Roadway, Level 2 Bridge, Traffic Signal Systems, or Right of Way Plan Development desirable; able to work without supervision; direct technical and administrative staff; interact with other public agencies; and independently deliver projects on schedule; must read, write, and speak fluent English and possess valid Ohio driver's license; Master's degree and knowledge of AutoCAD or Microstation preferred

Address responses with resume and list of references to: Kimberlee Beckner, Montgomery County Engineer, 451 West Third Street, P.O. Box 972, Dayton, OH 45422-1260 or [becknerk@mcoho.org](mailto:becknerk@mcoho.org). EOE

#### DIRECTOR of SANITARY ENGINEERING

The Board of Greene County Commissioners seeks a Director to serve Greene County, (population 154,656). This is an unclassified, fiduciary position that directs and supervises a staff of 114 employees. Position requires experience in administration and enforcement of laws, codes and regulations governing water & wastewater systems throughout the county; supervision and administration; budget and fiscal management; staff development; and public relations.

Minimum qualifications: a Bachelor's degree in Business, Public Administration, or a related field (Master of Public Administration preferred), with seven years of progressively responsible managerial experience, including two years of senior management, or an equivalent combination of education and experience, and a valid Ohio driver's license. Current Principles & Practice of Engineering (PE) registration in Ohio preferred.

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications \$27.36—\$41.36/hr. Applications deadline: **August 21, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.**, and may be obtained at the Greene County Personnel Department, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385, or printed from <http://www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel>. EOE.

## TRANSITION SPECIALIST

The Belmont County Board of Development seeks a training specialist. This is a full-time position reporting jointly to the Director of Children's Services and the SSA Team Facilitator.

The ideal candidate will possess a unique blend of qualities of educator, communicator, researcher, and coordinator and be committed to the principles of self-determination and inclusion. This person will work with children with disabilities and their families and help to turn their needs and desires into choices and options that schools, the community, and the County Board can support. This person will research and develop resources to creatively plan and support transition processes.

This position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education, Habilitation, or Social Work and experience working with children. A background in, or knowledge of, Autism related resources is preferred. Excellent communication and relationship building skills are essential. Also required is ODMRDD Specialist certification and COEDI certification or the ability to obtain, strong computer skills, and a valid driver's license. Successful candidates must have a satisfactory background check, including ODMRDD Abuser Registry and ODH Nurse Aide Registry and a satisfactory physical examination.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Qualified individuals should send a letter of application and resume to: Holly Weatherson, Human Resources Manager, Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 330 Fox-Shannon Place, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 or [hweatherson@bcbdd.org](mailto:hweatherson@bcbdd.org). Position will remain posted until a candidate is chosen. Interested persons should apply asap. EOE.

### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide a link to the job posting online and a deadline. Please provide a copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, by e-mail at [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)